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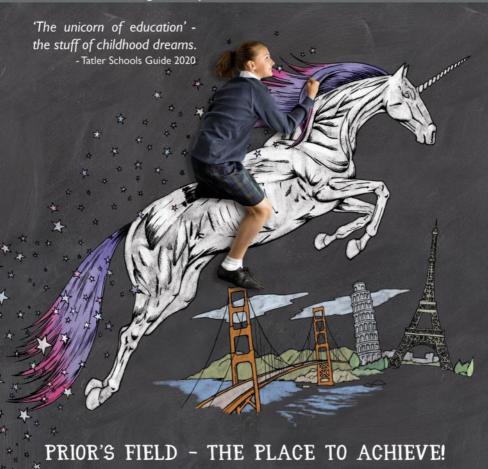
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## NEWS & EVENTS Round Up



Scouting is BUZZING in BUSBRIDGE!

In little over a year, Scouting in Busbridge has grown from 24 young people to over 75!

Our longstanding and popular Beavers and Cubs sections have been joined by additional sections to increase capacity. We also started a new Scout troop in early 2019, which means that young people in Busbridge are now able to enjoy Scouting from age six through to eighteen.

This exciting growth makes Busbridge one of the fastest-growing Scout groups in the UK and marks the first milestone in a journey to make Busbridge one of the leading Scouting groups nationally,

providing world-class Scouting experiences for our young people.

Modern Scouting has been transformed for the current generation. A typical programme will include a diverse mix of outdoor adventurous activities, digital skills and community impact projects. The goal is to build skills and deliver experiences that prepare

young people for a rich and fulfilling life. To deliver this change, Busbridge Scouts has been joined by an influx of new, enthusiastic adult volunteers, taking the group to twenty leaders, committee members and specialists, from seven previously.

To help drive the next phase of growth, three new specialist volunteering opportunities have been created, to support fundraising, recruitment and social media and PR. It's a fantastic opportunity to join a fast-growing team at a unique point in our journey, helping to make Scouting available to all of our young people.

For an information pack email

**1stbusbridgescouts@gmail.com** with the subject line 'volunteer opportunities'.

Thomas Prince Group Scout Leader, 1st Busbridge Scouts



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## Champions of SURREY

Earlier this term Busbridge Junior School's Year Five/ Year Six athletics team achieved a notable success. Having won their Godalming area qualifier our team travelled to The Spectrum in Guildford to compete in the Surrey Primary Schools Sportshall Athletics Final. I am extremely proud to report that our talented and tenacious team claimed top spot, making us the Sportshall Athletics Primary Schools <u>Champions of</u> Surrey.

We were competing against some much larger schools who normally win, so we certainly upset the form book with this achievement. Huge congratulations must go to the children who competed as they are outstanding competitors. Huge thanks must also go to two of our staff team: Mrs Clare Parsons (makes sure everyone is at the right place at the right time) & Mr Bill Bingham (makes sure everyone is skilled up, fired up and champing on the bit of success).

Richard Catchpole, Headteacher



Godalming College was delighted to have retained its 'Outstanding' Ofsted status following it inspection in December 2019. The College is the first specialist Sixth Form provider in the country to do so under the new Education Inspection Framework. It is also the first College in the South East region to retain its 'Outstanding' status against this and the previous inspection framework

Emma Young, Principal, said, "We are extremely proud of the outcome, especially as the Ofsted team were really glowing in their praise for the College. The retention of our 'Outstanding' status is a great achievement. It is recognition of the hard work, expertise and dedication of our wonderful staff, both teaching and support, as well as our Board of Trustees."

## Busbridge Infant School NEWS

We were all very excited to have the official opening of our new Woodland Area on 4th February. The whole school gathered first thing in the morning to watch the ribbon being cut by one of our school governors. During the day the children all then had the opportunity to have a session working alongside an outdoor learning expert from Surrey Outdoor Learning Development centre (SOLD).



Outdoor Learning Day



Our Year One children experimented with different materials in order to filter some dirty water.



Every Year Two child had success at creating their own spark to make a group fire, which warmed them all up on what was a rather chilly day!

Our Reception children had great fun creating their own clay creature using natural materials.

The whole school was really buzzing and we are now planning and preparing lots more learning opportunities to make the most of this wonderful natural area.



In other news: We are currently looking for an enthusiastic and committed co-opted governor to join our dedicated and friendly governing body. No previous experience is required as we provide access to full training as well as support from a buddy. A commitment to securing the best education for our pupils and the ability to support and challenge constructively are the key things we're looking for. Please do get in touch with Jo Thomas, our Chair of Governors (chair@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk), if you would be interested in a conversation about the role. *Katherine Smith, Headteacher* 







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## THE WHARF Nursery School

in Godalming is one of the four nursery schools in Surrey that is funded and controlled by the local authority.



## At the moment there are some vacancies for new governors.

Are you passionate about the importance of early years education for all? Do you want to work with an experienced team but bring a new perspective? Did you know that no background in education is required and training is provided? All you need is a willingness to learn and an enquiring mind. Lisa

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**BAPTISMS** 

29th December 2019 Lucca Roseblade

16th February 2020 Matilda Wharf

**FUNERALS** 

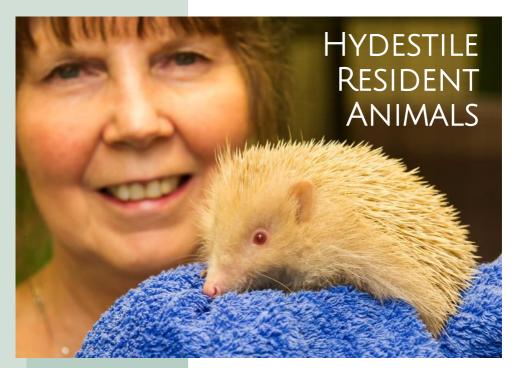
16th January 2020 Maryanne Gray

4th February 2020 Edward O'Shea

Seeley, the chair of governors, would love to share with you how important The Wharf is to the local community and discuss what being a governor means.

Please contact the office on **01483 415220** or **office@wharf.surrey.sch.uk** to arrange an initial chat. You can visit the website at www.wharf.surrey.sch.uk





Last summer, HRA had quite a lot of hedgehogs in as patients, including this more unusual one. Meet, AL, the albino hedgehog, who was found by Mick and Gill Neeve in their garden. Above photo by kind courtesy of Pete Gardner.

It's been a busy year for Hydestile Resident Animals caring for local wildlife and animals in need. Located just south of Busbridge, the centre is run by Graham and Lyn Cornick, along with staff and volunteers.

It's dedicated team care for both its permanent residents accumulated over the years and those new patients passing through or until re-release. Their years of experience have led to a wealth of advice and help—they know most of the animal rescue centres in the UK!



Hydestile received a call from the Superdrug store in Godalming High Street to say they had discovered a bat in their shutters!

Fortunately he was rescued and brought home to safety. He was later discovered to be a whiskered bat— a more unusual species of local bat. He was transferred to local bat specialist Martin Phyliss and subsequently rehabilitated and released.

Photos by kind courtesy of Vicki Hales.

This little fox cub, named White Sock, was found lying in a field and having been attacked by crows. Sadly, despite veterinary intervention and every possible care, his health declined and he had to be put to sleep.





This pheasant was found injured and unable to stand by a lady from Guildford. After a course of medication, and having her legs massaged several times a day, she was eventually able to be released on a safe site.

Lyn and Graham received a phone call about a snake trapped in the engine of a car. Not knowing what kind of snake it was Graham and Paul went to the rescue! Luckily it was a grass snake and they managed to free him and transport him in a pillow case back to Hydestile. Once checked over, he was released later the same day. One lucky snake!

Local residents are always welcome to drop off much needed donations:

- Clean blankets
- Towels
- Dog or cat food Peanuts or mealworms
- Weetabix or other cereals
- Washing up liquid, washing powder & hand wash

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## The HAMPTON Estate

My name is Will and my family and I attend the contemporary services at Busbridge Church. I

work as the Assistant Manager at Hampton Estate, a traditional, family-run agricultural Estate between Farnham and Guildford, on the southern slopes of the Hog's Back.

It is an unusually beautiful office; about half of the acreage is woodland and forestry, providing a wide range of treescapes from

commercially managed, prize winning soft woods, to ancient woodland managed for amenity and wildlife value. We manage a variety of commercial and residential properties



and host all sorts of other events from weddings to filming. Hampton and hops are synonymous, and our gardens, extended three years ago, are the oldest remaining gardens in the county. It's a reminder of a time when Farnham was the premiere hop growing region in the country where 48% of available agricultural land was given over to the crop and you could walk from Farnham to Guildford without leaving a garden. The Farnham bell denoted premium quality and is still used to mark our bales today.

Once farmed in hand, Hampton's arable land is now let to a tenant, while the species-rich acid and chalk grasslands are grazed by our herd of pedigree Sussex cattle. We are producers of Pasture for Life cattle, certified by the Pasture Fed Livestock Association.

Pasture-fed meat is produced from animals which are fed 100% grass and nothing else.

It is a surprise to many to discover that 'grassfed' (as opposed to pasture-fed) meat can be fed a diet of as little as 51% grass. The remainder could be anything, but is usually heavy in soy and cereals. Feeding cereals to ruminants in a world where 821 million people (whose monogastric system makes them ideally suited to digesting that very grain) do not have enough to eat should be a challenge to us. Part of our answer to that challenge lies in the fact that over 70% of UK agricultural land is grass, and is by far our best crop.





Compared with conventional meat and milk, pasture-fed produce gives the animals improved quality of life, is better for the environment, produces meat which is of higher nutritive value and is distinctively delicious. A pasture-fed system is not the cheapest way to produce beef, but it is the way to produce the best quality beef you can buy.



#### www.hamptonestate.co.uk

has details of our newsletter and what is going on across the farm, including our beef days, Open Farm Sunday later in the year and other events. You can also follow us on Instagram (@hampton\_estate) or grab me at church to find out more.

Hampton Estate Beef Collection Days are held monthly, usually the last Friday in the month. Friday 6th & 27th March

Friday 6th & 27th March Friday 24th April & Friday 29th May

Please check website for opening hours.





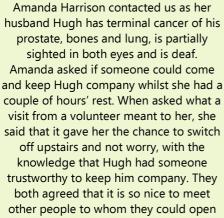
## Do you need help from a Good Neighbour?



The help that our volunteers at Godalming Good Neighbours have given local residents since our launch in July 2019 (pictured right) has varied enormously - from transport to hospitals, rehabilitation centres and GP

surgeries, from lifts to the local shops, opticians and visits to see loved ones - to simply

popping in for a cup of tea and a chat.



up and chat with about other things which helps to keep them feeling positive.





Barry Stafford suffers from dementia and neither he nor his wife Margaret, who is hard of hearing, is able to drive.

They use the Good Neighbours scheme whenever their daughter Emma isn't available to give them a lift to a day centre, hospital or GP surgery. Margaret explains how easy it is to call the Good Neighbours duty officer explaining that, 'We are always assured of a friendly reply to a phone call' and that a lift from a volunteer gives them both peace of mind. 'It was a worry going to the doctor and [to] hospital appointments...'



Emma was so impressed with the help that her parents have received that, despite a very busy life with 3-year-old twins and her 6-year-old, she has joined the Good Neighbours team (GGN) as a Duty Officer.

Emma tells us, 'One of the things I love most about living in Godalming is the strong sense of community. Being part of the GGN team just builds on that. It is extremely rewarding personally; you meet like-minded people in the community and most importantly you are able to help others who really value and appreciate your time and support. Not everyone is lucky enough to have local family and friends they can call on when they are in need.'

If you are in need of a Good Neighbour, or you would like to find out more about Volunteering, contact us on

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About fifteen years ago our family were introduced to a way of celebrating Easter which also reminds us of Christmas trees and of the meaning of Easter. The ancient tradition of Osterbaum (in German, or in Swedish, Påskris) has become central to our family Easter celebrations. This tradition involves making an **Easter Tree** by going on a walk to find bare twigs, putting them in a pot in the house and adorning them with brightly coloured eggs. The tradition in Sweden is known to go back to the 1600s. The Germanic roots are lost in the mists of time.

There are several ideas about the meaning behind making a family Easter Tree. One is that it is about Good Friday and how Jesus was whipped. Another is that that the bare branches represent sadness and loss whilst the brightly coloured eggs represent joy and hope. In the last book of the Bible a 'tree of life' is mentioned and it represents good things of God that last for ever.

My own view is that the Easter Tree is a reminder that God offers hope and life even in the midst of mess and sadness. Easter is the invitation to consider that the Risen Jesus offers something that lasts for ever.

If you go on an Easter walk, why not find yourselves some twigs and make your own family symbol of Easter life and hope? In the meantime, have a wonderful Easter and we'd love to see you at

some of our Easter egg hunts, church services, quieter reflections and church family walks.

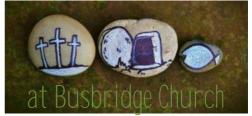
Simon, Rector, Busbridge & Hambledon Church



How full is your laundry basket?

Look out for the Lent art installation outside Busbridge Church from 2 March until Easter.





## PALM SUNDAY 5 April 10am Palm Sunday Special (all age)

6-8 April 8pm Holy Week Reflections

**9 April** 8pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

#### GOOD FRIDAY 10 April

9.30am Good Friday Service

2.30pm Hot Cross Bun Family Adventure!

Cross country walk from Busbridge Church to Hambledon Church with tea and hot cross buns at the end.

11 April 3pm Family Easter Garden Service

Short service in the church followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Old Rectory Garden. Tea and cake for everyone.

## EASTER DAY 12 April

6.45am Sunrise Service on Minster Field (Churches Together)

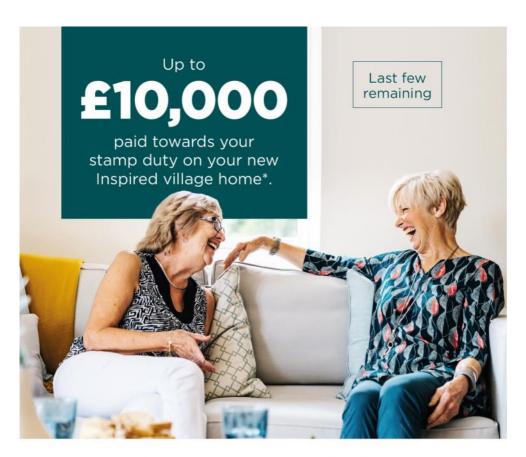
9am Easter Day Holy Communion

**10.30am Easter Celebration** followed by short Holy Communion

#### **EASTER services in Godalming**

Churches Together in Godalming and District (which consists of 17 local Christian Churches and Ladywelll )..of which Busbridge Church is part, are putting on two events this EASTER. One is the Sunrise service listed above.

**Good Friday—10th April.** There will be a short event in Godalming High Street at 11.30 outside Fat Face where people will gather after their own church services or just turn up at 11.30. The Road will be closed 11.15-12.15 thanks to Godalming Town Council. The Trinity Trust Team will be performing a drama. All welcome.





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#### INGREDIENTS

180g butter or Stork
180g dark brown sugar
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½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
¼ tsp mixed spice
1 tsp vanilla essence
.60g young rhubarb chopped into
1cm pieces
1 thsp caster sugar



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## Rhubarb

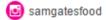
## & Brown Sugar TRAY BAKE

There's lots of forced rhubarb around at the moment, as well as plenty of spindly stalks making their way tentatively out of the soil in gardens everywhere.

This is remarkably easy, and makes a sweet-sharp tray bake where the tart rhubarb is tamed by the dark spices and rich brown sugar. The key is to use young rhubarb and cut it into small pieces so that you end up with little bursts of flavour rather than big soggy lumps. This is at its best served slightly warm from the oven or a few seconds in the microwave. It also makes a great hot pudding with a little custard. Makes 18 slices.

- **1** Line a 22(ish) cm square baking tin with greaseproof paper and preheat the oven to 170/150 °C fan.
- **2** Beat the butter and sugar together then add the eggs one at a time. Stir in the flour, bicarb, mixed spice and vanilla. Gently mix in half of the rhubarb pieces, then tip into the tin. Sprinkle the remaining rhubarb evenly over the top. Bake for 50-60 minutes, checking after 50 minutes to see if a cake tester comes out clean.
- **3** When it's cooked, remove and sprinkle caster sugar over the top. Allow to cool in the tin on a wire rack for 20 mins then remove from the tin and place (paper on) on the rack.

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All money from the ticket sales goes to local charity, The Dan Eley Foundation, helping disadvantaged young people find a better future



#### 7<sup>th</sup> March Trinity Laban String Ensemble 25<sup>th</sup> April Classical Guitarist Alexander Hart

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Admission is free and visitors will be able to view over 500 indoor art exhibits, explore the Gertrude Jekyll inspired gardens, and see over 100 large sculptures in a tranquil and picturesque setting.

For Grayswood couple Evelyn and Gwyn Phillips this year will be their 25<sup>th</sup> year of curating and arranging art exhibitions and sculpture trails in Surrey. Gwyn originally

started the Vivartis Art Festival at King Edward's School, Witley. Over time the exhibition moved on to Secrett's Garden Centre and now takes place at Prior's Field School, Godalming. Its status as a high quality and eclectic art event continues to attract artists and visitors from far and wide. Nic Fiddian Green will open the exhibition on Saturday 4th April.

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Busbridge Open Gardens in 2017 was a fantastic community event and so successful that we are organising it again this year.

We'd love to have some new gardens so do please get in touch if you think your garden should be included.

We're looking for gardens that will provide inspiration to others, gardens with character, with quirky features. We're not after immaculate lawns or perfect pruning but gardens that the general public can relate to and simply enjoy! Our charities are yet to be confirmed but include our local Cellar Café in Godalming.

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# Godalming MUSEUM



#### Mountains, Trees & Light

From **24th March to 18th April**, this exhibition will feature work by Rose Seber and Petra Guy, two local artists who met at a climbing wall and share a love of nature and the outdoors. Petra works mainly in colour with acrylic paints. Rose prefers oils, occasionally watercolour, and print-making, especially sketching and lithography.



#### Broadwater Artists

## 21st April to 16th May

An exhibition of unique and colourful artworks both contemporary and more traditional, using various media and inspired by subject



#### Guildford 123

#### 3rd to 21st March

An exhibition by three local artists whose work varies from collages to papercut-outs, reflecting human relationships, experiences, mood and atmospheres in landscapes.

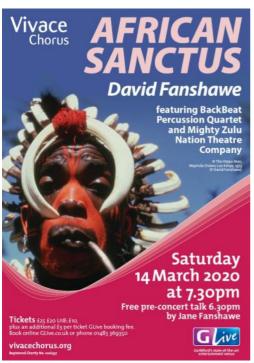
matter from home and abroad.

On **Wednesday 25th March** there will a lecture on **Saxon life & death—A unique cemetery in Godalming.** Venue: The Octagon, St Peter & Paul Parish Church, 7.30pm for 8pm. The lecture will focus on findings from the recent excavations near the parish church. Tickets at £5 are available from the Museum or at the door.

Godalming Museum is located at 109a High Street, by the Pepperpot. It is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 4pm. Admission is free but donations are welcomed. The Local Studies library is open in the afternoon from 1pm to 4pm. Tea, coffee and cold drinks are available throughout the day. Godalming Museum is run in partnership with Godalming Town council and Godalming Museum Trust.

For further information please contact the Museum on 01483 426510 or visit www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk

## WHAT'S ON





#### BUSBRIDGE EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Busbridge Village Hall, GU7 1XA at 8pm

Visitors warmly welcome Contact: Gill Loveluck 01252 266822

#### Tuesday 10th March Line Dancing

with Sally Marjoram and members of her group - release your inner cowgirl or just come and watch.

#### Tuesday 14th April

## Richard Poad - 'Grandma flew Spitfires'

Richard is a retired pilot and Chairman of Maidenhead Heritage Centre which is home to the Air Transport Auxiliary archive.



## blokes' biking

Monthly bike ride for all abilities followed by a well earned drink at a Godalming pub!

Meet in the Homebase carpark @ 7.30pm

Next dates:

11th March 8th Apr 13th May



Email blokes@bhc godalming.org before in case of a last-minute change of pub venue. (Don't forget a helmet plus night lights if appropriate)

## COMPASSION FATIGUE

Wednesday 22nd April 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

(Coffee available from 9am) Godalming Baptist Church

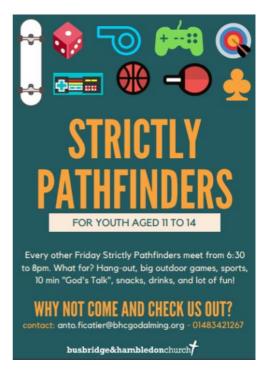
#### Led by Jayne Ellis

Compassion Fatigue is the set of symptoms you experience when you become involved in helping others who are experiencing distress or trauma. In the workshop we will explore the risk factors, causes, signs and symptoms and then explore some simple but effective self-care strategies. Cost of course £9

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Following a very enjoyable Quiz Night in December, we're delighted to say we raised £500 for our 2019 charity: Hydon Hill Cheshire Home. Janet and Kate will arrange a

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On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Director of Guildford Samaritans gave us a fascinating insight into their work. Listening, in a non-judgemental way, is at the core of what Samaritans do, and he encouraged us all to engage with and listen to people who may be struggling. We're delighted to be supporting Guildford Samaritans as our charity for 2020.



The British love their pets and want to look after them. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, come and hear Philip Underwood talk about his life as a vet in Godalming. Many of you will have taken your cats or dogs to him over the years, and he'll no doubt have amusing anecdotes about some of his pet 'patients', as well as some heart-warming tales of pets restored to an active life following illness or accident. All are welcome!

On Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ceri Apark will tell us about her five weeks walking along the Pilgrimage path, the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, in Spain. She will tell us of the challenges and highpoints of this well-trodden path and share some of her photographs. It'll be lovely to look forward to warmer days as we come to the end of this wet and windy winter. Will you be inspired to follow in her footsteps? Come and find out!

Advance notice of our 7<sup>th</sup> May event: Margaret Jackson, a local historian, will come and talk to us about the role of Women in the Crimean War.

Our talks all start at 8.00pm in the Busbridge Old Rectory and we'll have a glass of wine, or a soft drink, and nibbles before the speaker begins their talk. We look forward to seeing you.

The membership subscription remains at £18 for the year; and there's a fee of £5.00 per evening for visitors. Cheques made payable to Nexus, please. Thank you. These subscriptions and fees cover gifts for speakers, welcome drinks and nibbles plus tea or coffee afterwards, as well as donations to charities.

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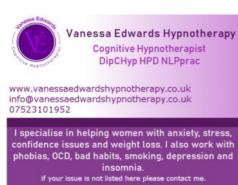
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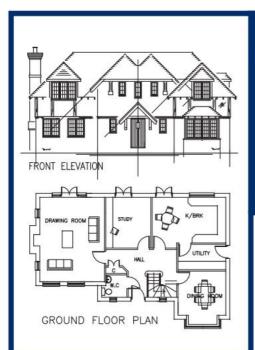


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